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Subject: Microsoft settlement

Dear Sirs,

I am appalled at the proposed settlement with Microsoft. Microsoft is the worst example of a rapacious monopoly that I've ever seen. Because of Microsoft, the rate of development in the PC software industry has been stifled. I am completely in favor of the original breakup plan for the company; the new proposed settlement will have little or no effect on Microsoft's predatory business practices (see Windows XP, and Windows 2000 Service Pack 2 for example).

Because of Microsoft's monopoly, I have had to pay for MS operating systems on my last five PC's-- of which only one still has the MS operating system, and only two of which were ever even turned on using the MS operating system.

I am very disappointed in the Justice Department and the current administration.

Regards,

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